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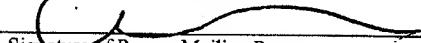
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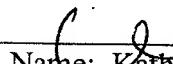
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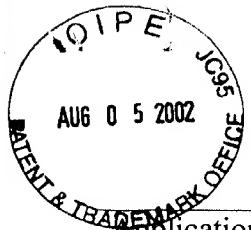
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 1, 2002, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 23-33 for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

This Response is being filed within 30 days from the Restriction Requirement mailed July 1, 2002 and no fee is believed to be due. However, should any fees be required to ensure consideration of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 16-0085, Reference No. 22620/1280.

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